

## CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) Electrical contact element for an alkaline electrochemical cell, characterized in that wherein the electrical contact element is made consisting essentially of a copper tin alloy.
2. (currently amended) Electrical contact element of the claim 1, characterized in that wherein the electrical contact element contains 0,05—1,5 0.05-1.5 % by weight tin.
3. (currently amended) Electrical contact element of the claim 2, characterized in that wherein the electrical contact element contains 0,3—0,7 0.3-0.7 % by weight tin.
4. (currently amended) Electrical contact element of claim 1, any of the preceding claims, characterized in that wherein the electrical contact element has a circular cross-section.
5. (currently amended) Electrical contact element of claim 1, any of the preceding claims 1—3, characterized in that wherein the electrical contact element has a quadratic cross-section.
6. (currently amended) Electrical contact element of claim 1, any of the preceding claims 1—3, characterized in that wherein the electrical contact element has a quadrangular cross-section.
7. (currently amended) Electrical contact element of claim 1, any of the preceding claims 1—3, characterized in that wherein the electrical contact element has a polygon cross-section.
8. The use of a copper tin alloy as an electrical contact element in an alkaline cell.